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REMARKS

Examiner Pollock is thanked for his courtesy during the personal Interview on March 30, 2006. As discussed, the claims presented during the Interview now include allowable subject matter.

5 In particular, the subject matter identified by Examiner Pollack in the most recent office action has been added into each independent claim. In particular, the "content delivery network" aspects of the invention have been incorporated into the body of claim 1, and this claim has also been amended to describe that the purge mechanism can be used to remove a given content file from all the CDN content servers, or merely some subset thereof. This latter subject matter is described, for example, at page 9, lines 14-15 of the written description. This feature of the invention provides additional flexibility that is quite useful in the context of a content delivery network wherein content is not necessarily mirrored in all content server locations, as in the prior art. With the inventive system, a content provider customer can access the purge mechanism and identify given of its content files to be purged from all or a subset of the content delivery network. In addition, a given content server includes a mechanism to prevent the server from re-acquiring the purged file (from another content server) in the event the other content server has not yet then completed the purge.

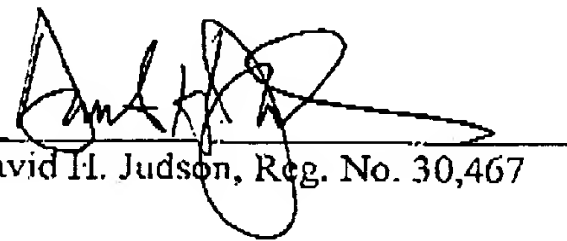
Independent claim 11 has been amended in a similar fashion and consistent with the suggestions made by the Examiner in the most recent office action.

20 Claims 1 and 11, as amended, are now patentable over the art of record, namely, Ofck in view of Schmuck et al., in view of the comments regarding "Allowable Subject Matter" set forth in paragraphs 12-14 of the most recent office action.

For these reasons, a Notice of Allowance is requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

25 Respectfully submitted,

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